

Please consider this as a special invitation from Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land to help shape the future of elections in Michigan. You have an opportunity to offer input on how we will educate voters, election administrators and election workers in the future. Two additional State Plan Advisory Committee meetings have been scheduled to exclusively take your comments.

The "State Plan" which Michigan must file to qualify for federal grant funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) must comment on the education of voters, election administrators and election workers. Specifically, the State Plan should address: 1.) the goals of the training 2.) the target audiences and 3.) those who will be responsible for the training.

To ensure that all stakeholders in Michigan's elections process have a full opportunity to provide input on the training component of the State Plan, two meetings have been scheduled for the acceptance of testimony from election officials, citizens and organizations interested in election reform. Your participation in the meetings is welcome and encouraged!

If you are interested in attending the meetings and offering testimony, please contact Jennette Sawyer of the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections for assistance with the necessary arrangements. An estimate of the amount of time you will need to deliver your testimony will be requested. Jennette will schedule the testimony, so we can make sure that your time is used wisely.

Phone: (517) 241-4662. Email: sawyerj@michigan.gov.

TESTIMONY: Written and oral testimony will be accepted. If you choose to appear before the Advisory Committee to deliver your testimony in person, we ask that you also submit your comments in writing for inclusion in the meeting records. **YOUR IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS ARE NEEDED TO CREATE AN ELECTIONS PROCESS THAT SERVES THE NEEDS OF ALL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS!**

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Monday, May 12, 2003 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lansing Center - Meeting Room 201
333 East Michigan, Lansing

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Senate Hearing Room - Michigan National Tower
1st Floor, 124 West Allegan, Lansing

Suggested Focus Areas for Testimony

VOTER EDUCATION: How should voters be trained and educated on the elections process? What types of specialized training and education efforts are

**needed for voters with disabilities? What needs to be covered in the training? Where should the training be delivered? Who should be responsible? What new technologies are available to facilitate voter education? (In preparation, you may wish to visit the Secretary of State's online Voter Information Center -- a site that voters can use to verify their voter registration status; preview their ballot; learn about the political parties, ballot proposals and candidates on the ballot; receive directions to their polling place; and receive instruction on the operation of the voting equipment used in their jurisdiction.) Site location:
<http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633-49313--,00.html>**

ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING: How should election officials be trained to ensure that they meet performance expectations? What needs to be covered in the training? How should the training be delivered? What partnerships are needed between the clerks' associations and the Secretary of State's office to facilitate the training process? What measures are needed to ensure that all election officials receive the training they need?

ELECTION WORKER TRAINING: What is the most effective way to train election workers (precinct inspectors) to ensure that they are prepared to properly and professionally administer the polls? How can current training practices be improved? What needs to be covered in the training? How much training is needed?

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD THIS INVITATION TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

Thank you for your participation!